

# Public Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

## Draft Removal Action Work Plans; Areas of Concern 046, 049, and 073-003 and 073-004 –U.S. Department of Energy

**Para información en español por favor comuníquese con Elsa Lopez al número (818) 717 6571.**

**WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?** The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a **30-day public comment period from January 5 through February 6, 2017**, on three documents: *Draft Removal Action Work Plan (RAW), Area of Concern (AOC) 046; Draft RAW, AOC 049; and Draft RAW, AOC 073-003 and 073-004*, along with the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the three AOCs. The Draft RAWs were prepared as part of the ongoing former Naval Petroleum Reserve (NPR-1) Closure Project in the Elk Hills Oil Field of Kern County, California.

The NPR-1 was created by an Executive Order in 1912 to preserve potential petroleum resources for national defense purposes. Pursuant to Public Law 104-106, passed in February 1996, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) was required to sell the United States' lands and hydrocarbon interests in NPR-1. DOE transferred the Federal Government's interests in NPR-1 to Occidental Petroleum Corporation (Occidental), effective October 1, 1997. In 2014, Occidental transferred the property to California Resources Corporation (CRC), who now operates the Elk Hills Oil Field under the name of California Resources Elk Hills, LLC (CREH). DOE and DTSC entered into an Agreement for Site Assessment in 1998 which was subsequently amended and, in 2008, a Corrective Action Consent Agreement was signed in which DOE agreed to complete the corrective action process at 131 Solid Waste Management Units and/or AOCs, including AOC 046, AOC 049, and AOC 073-003 and 073-004. DTSC will oversee soil removal actions planned for AOC 046, AOC 073-003 and 073-004, and enhancing the existing cover at AOC 049.

DOE assessed existing soil conditions and determined that AOCs 046, 073-003, and 073-004, all had soil with chemicals above risk-based screening levels. These Draft RAWs present alternatives evaluations and proposals to remove approximately 2,300 cubic yards of soil from AOC 046, and approximately 7,300 cubic yards of soil from AOC 073-003 and 073-004. All soil will be disposed at an appropriate California landfill. Post-excavation sampling will be conducted to confirm the removal actions were successful in removing all contaminated soil.

The Draft RAW, AOC 049 presents an alternatives analysis and a proposal to enhance the existing cover at AOC 049, with an approximate 12 additional inches of soil cap. Each of these Draft RAWs include a Transportation Plan that provides procedures for soil handling and disposal, if appropriate, as well as transportation routes.

DTSC has evaluated these projects in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to determine the possible environmental impacts of the three Draft RAWs. DTSC found that the proposed activities will not have any significant effect on public health or the environment. DTSC proposes to issue a CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration for each of project.

**HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?** DTSC encourages you to review each of these Draft RAWs and to provide comments. Comments may be submitted in writing, postmarked or emailed no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 6, 2017: Thomas Berg, Project Manager, DTSC, 1515 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611-0522; Phone: (559) 297-3978; E-mail: [thomas.berg@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:thomas.berg@dtsc.ca.gov).

**WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?** A copy of the Draft RAWs is available at the following locations: Taft Library 27 Emmons Park Drive, Taft, CA 93268, Phone: (661) 763-3294; and the DTSC EnviroStor Website: [http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=80001254](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=80001254) (Click the "Community Involvement" tab)

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